

Solo Leveling

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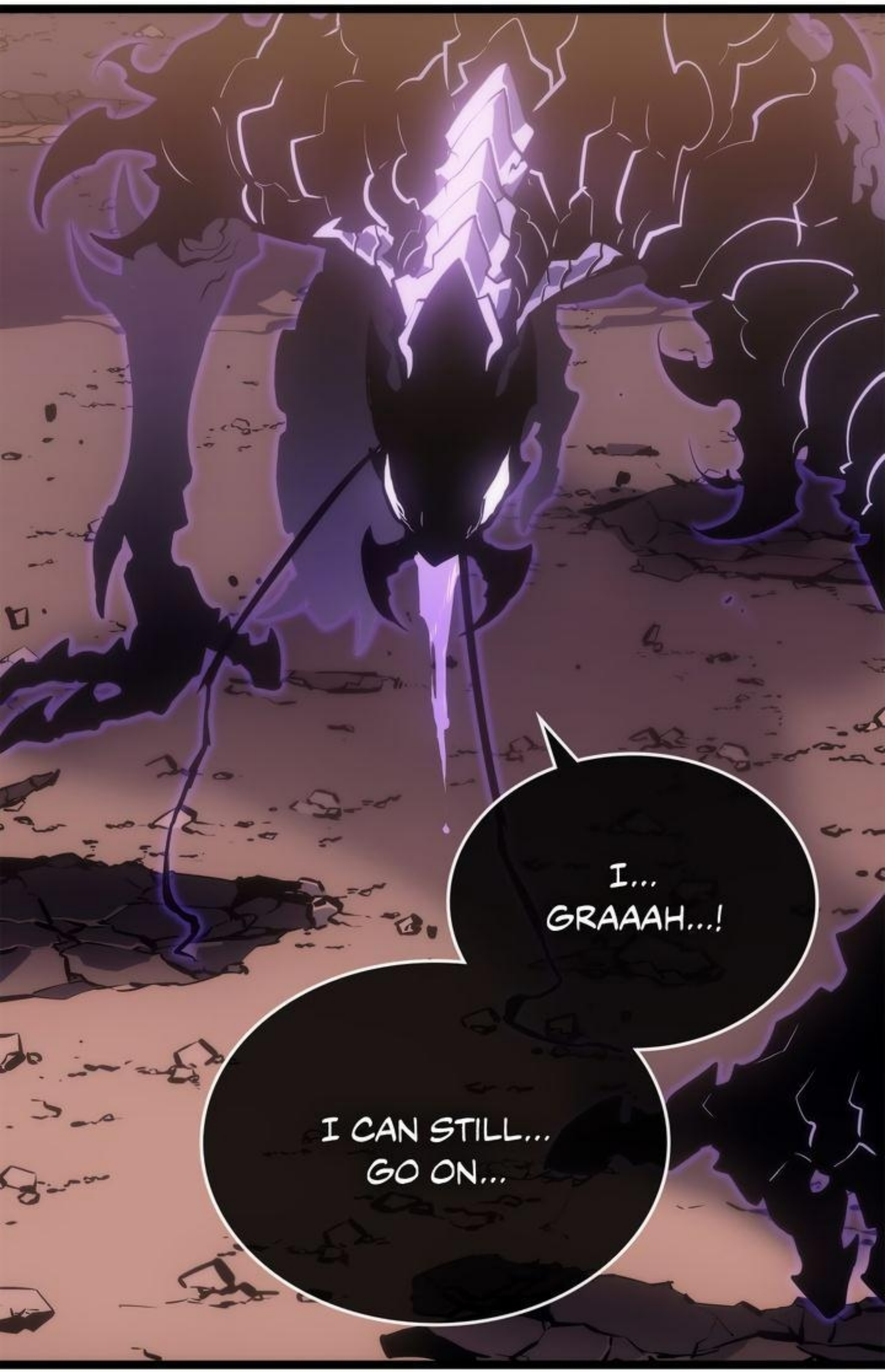
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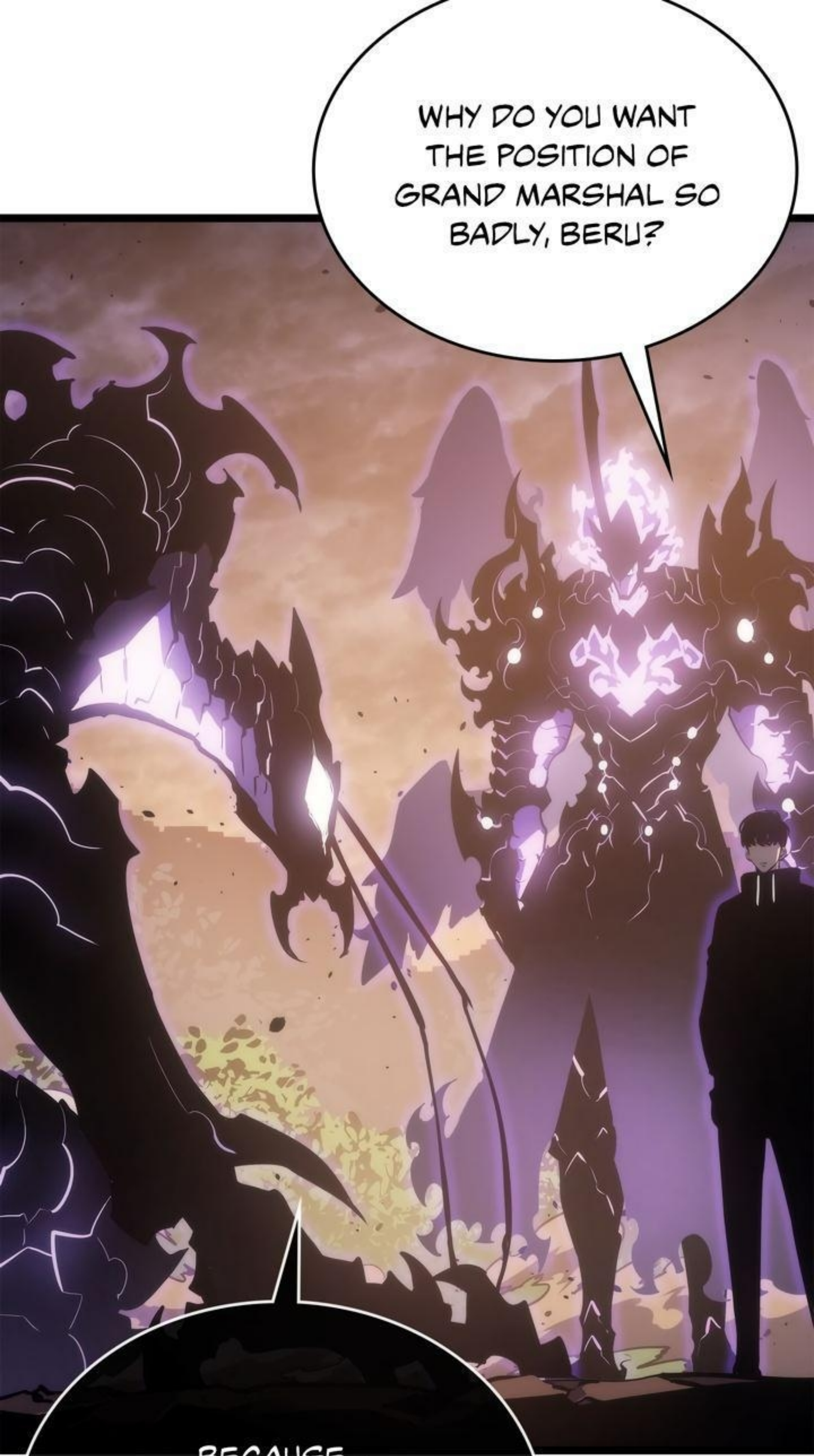


GRAAAH!
MY KING...!



I...
GRAAAH...!

I CAN STILL...
GO ON...



WHY DO YOU WANT
THE POSITION OF
GRAND MARSHAL SO
BADLY, BERU?

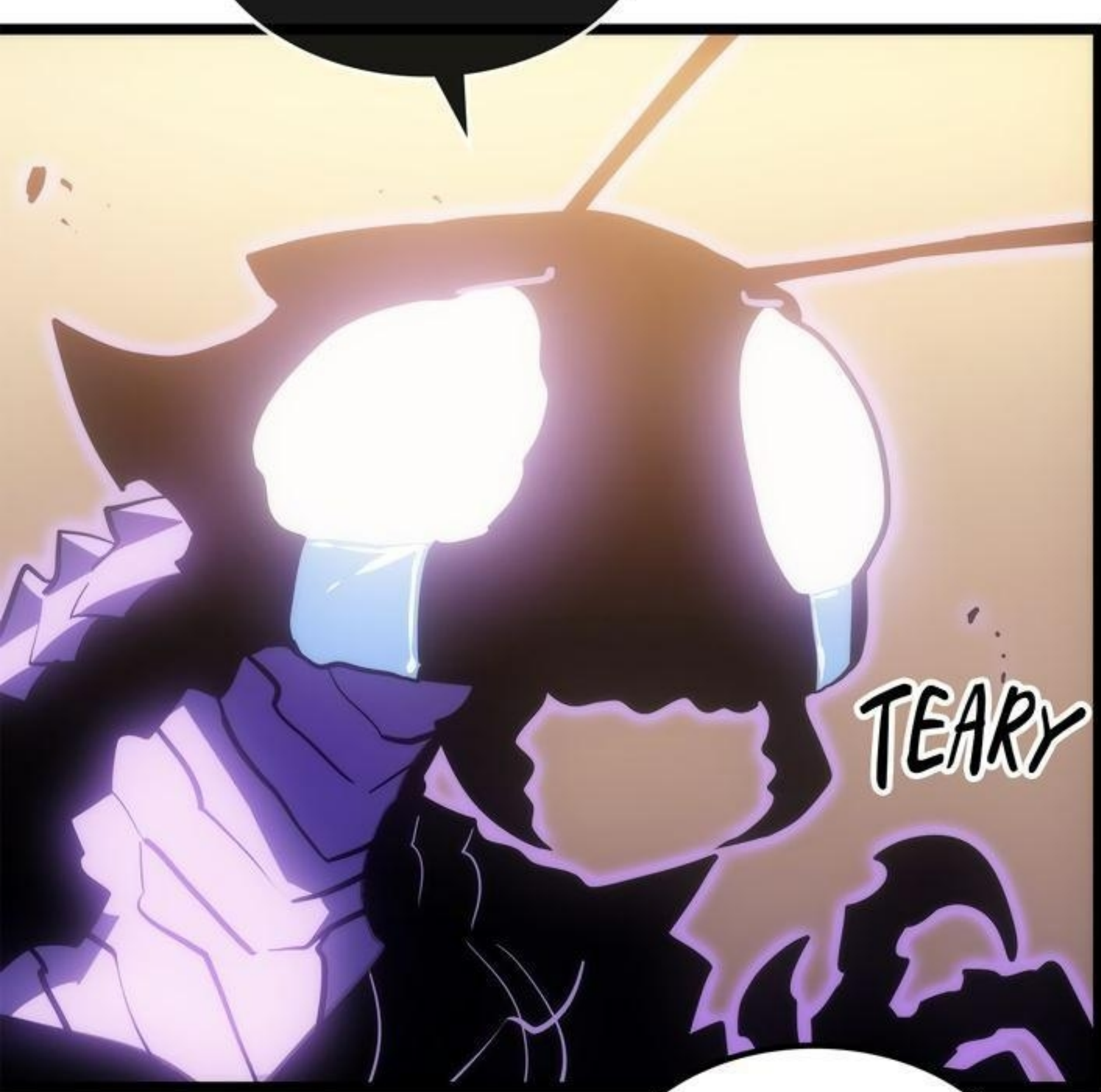
BECAUSE...
GRAAAH... I WISH TO
KEEP FIGHTING BY
YOUR SIDE...

IN THAT CASE,
THE GRAND MARSHAL
CAN STAND ON MY
RIGHT, WHILE YOU
STAND ON MY LEFT.



...!

MY KING...!!



TEARY

DON'T.

MY KING.
I TOO WOULD LIKE
A CHANCE TO-

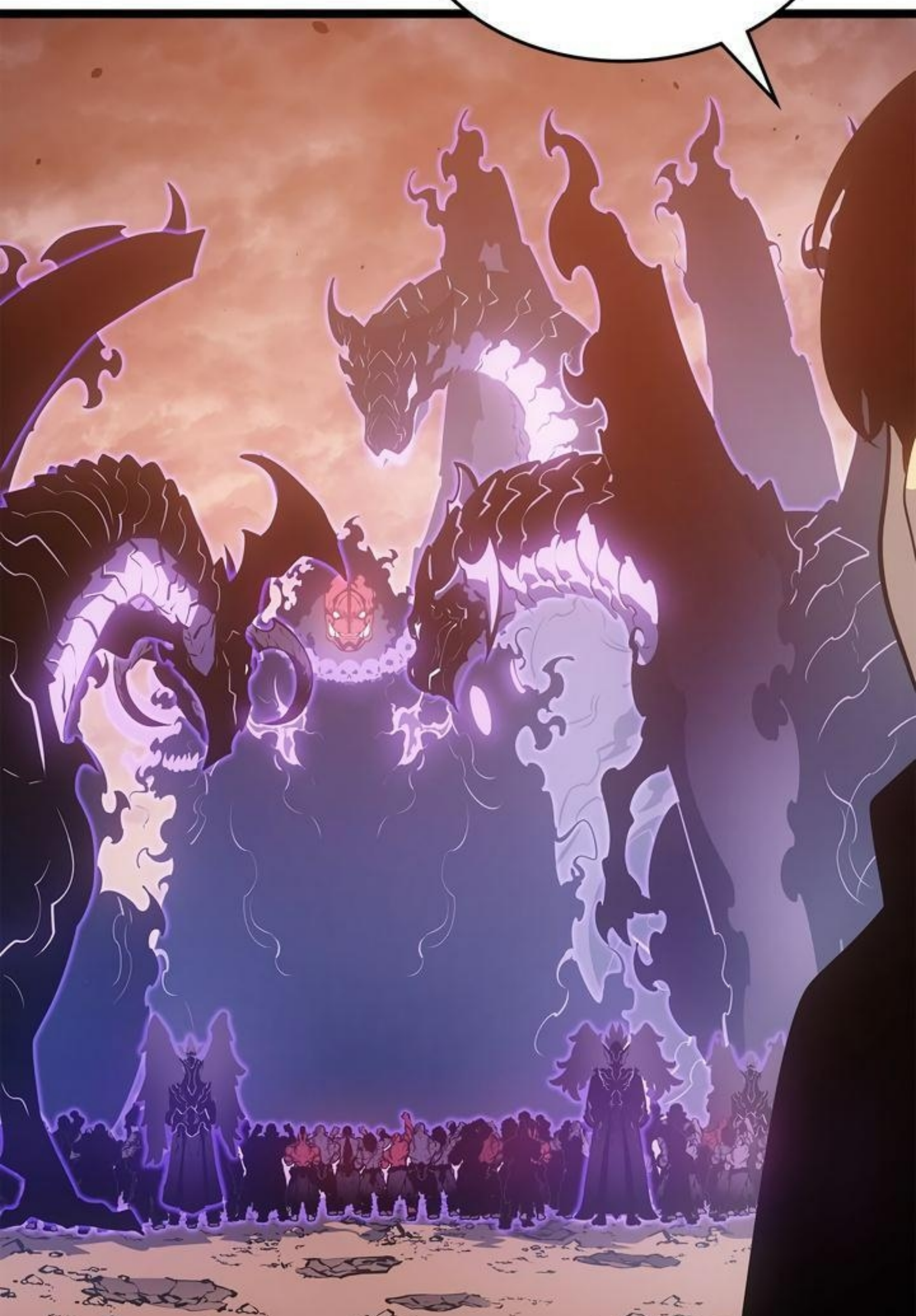


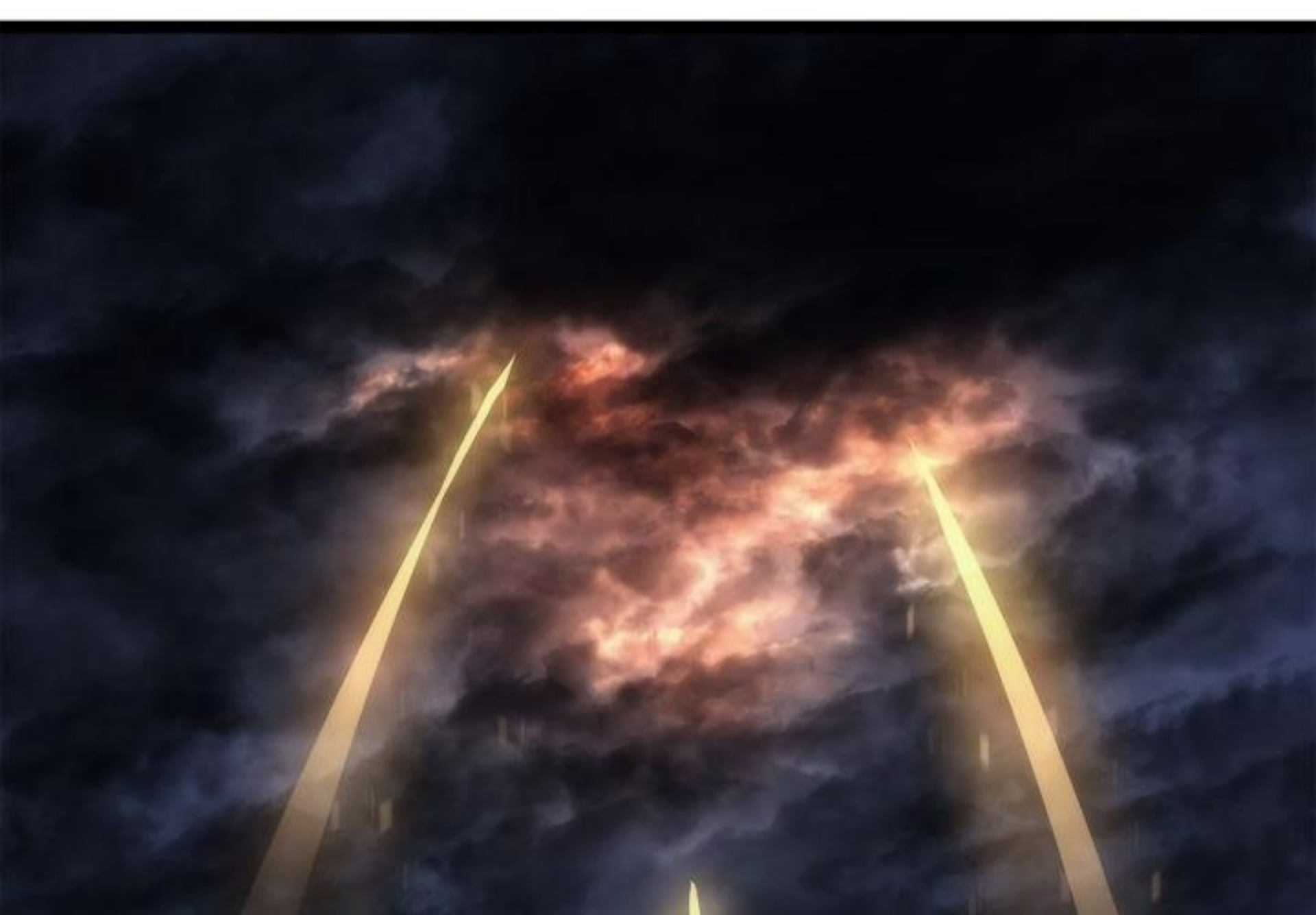
YOU CAN
STAND BEHIND
ME.

HMM?

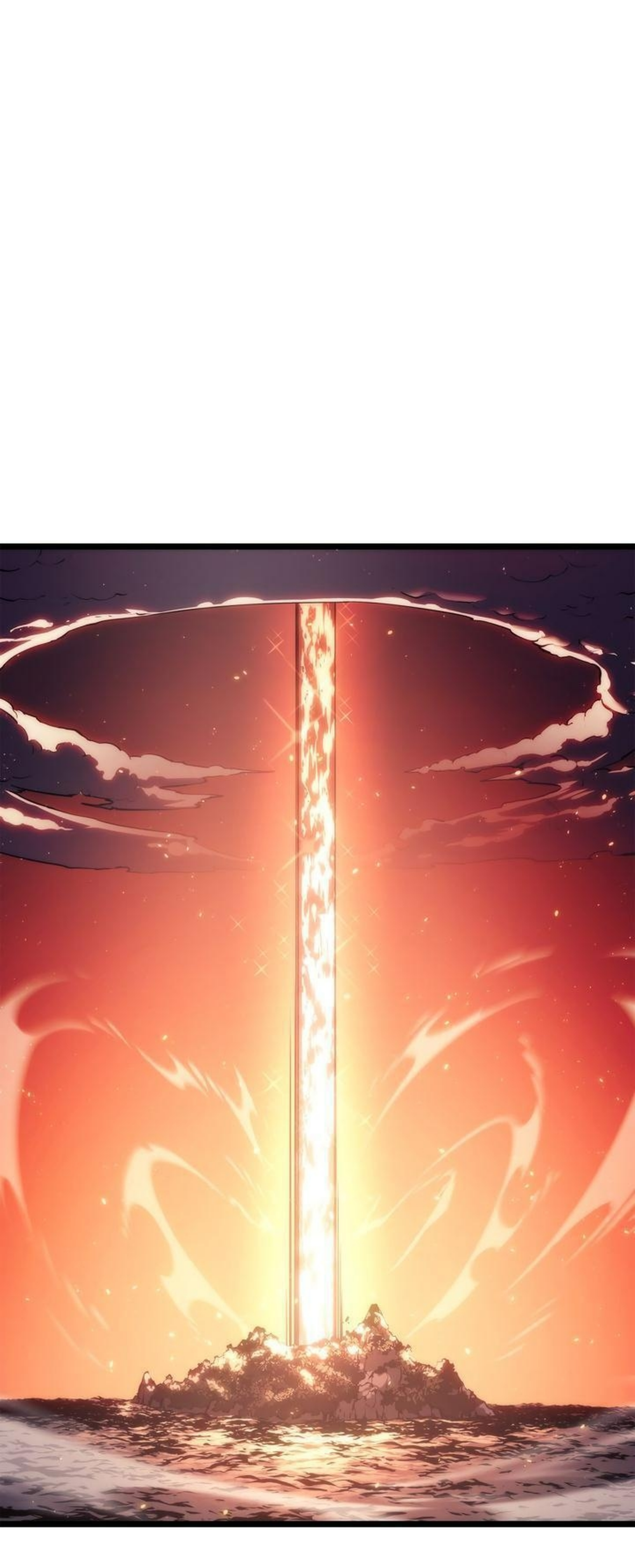


WHAT ARE
THOSE GUYS
DOING OVER
THERE?











ISN'T USING THE
ORB OF AVARICE
CHEATING?






...WHAT ARE
THEY DOING?

IT SEEMS
THEY'RE BUILDING
A SMALL HOUSE...

...SO THAT
YOU MAY REST
COMFORTABLY
DURING YOUR
STAY HERE.

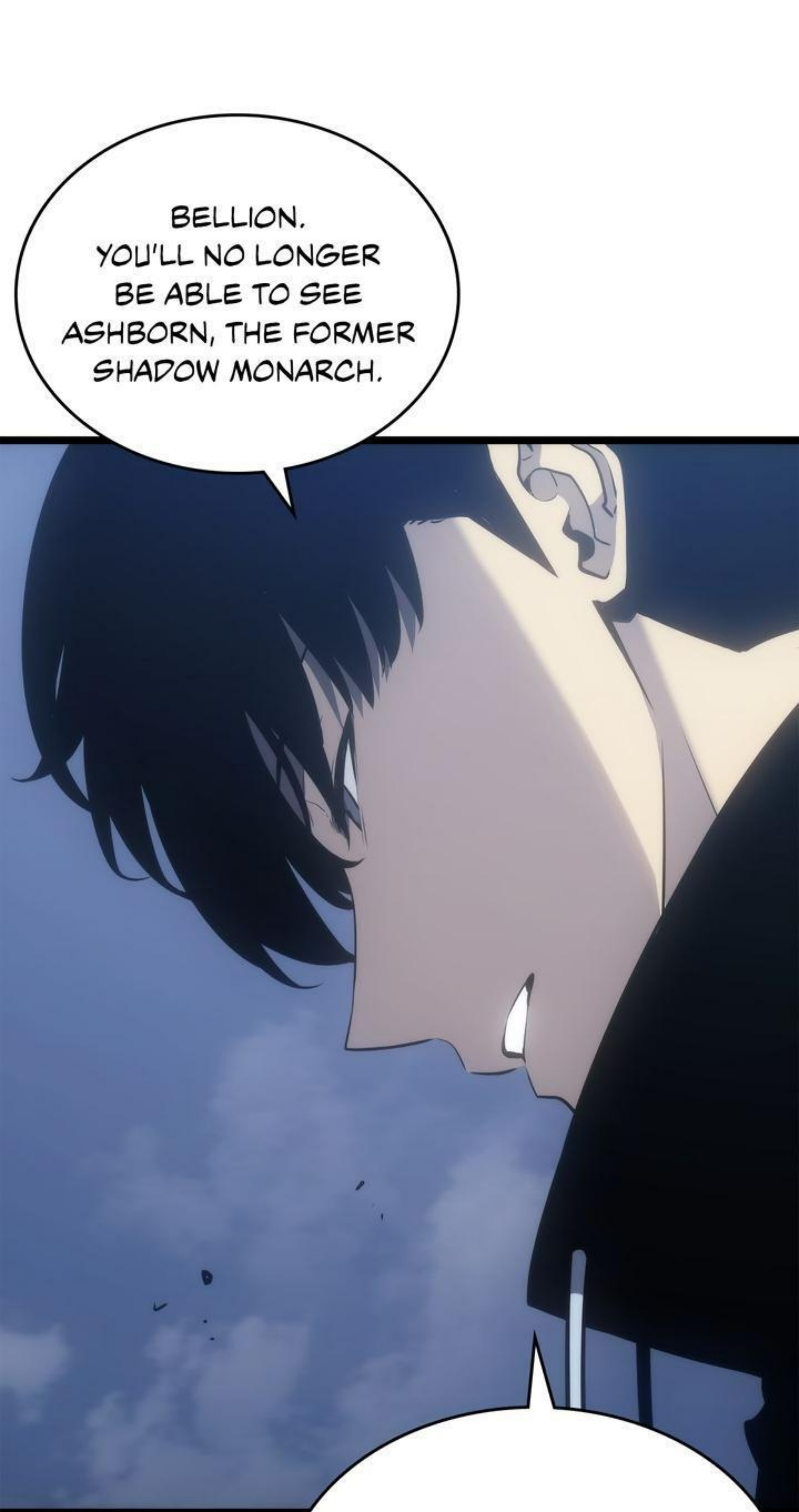
BERU MADE
THEM DO IT,
DIDN'T HE?

MY KING,
WHY HAVEN'T YOU
CALLED YOUR SOLDIERS
BACK INTO THE
SHADOWS?



I WANT TO
GIVE THEM
A BREATHER.

THEY'VE BEEN
TRAPPED INSIDE THE
DIMENSIONAL RIFT FOR
A WHILE NOW.



BELLION.
YOU'LL NO LONGER
BE ABLE TO SEE
ASHBORN, THE FORMER
SHADOW MONARCH.


DOESN'T THAT
MAKE YOU SAD?

I STOOD BY
HIS SIDE WHEN HE
FOUGHT THE RULERS
WHO REVOLTED AGAINST
THE ABSOLUTE BEING.

AND I WILLINGLY
BECAME HIS FIRST
SOLDIER WHEN HE
OBTAINED THE POWER
OF DEATH.

I WAS HIS AIDE
FOR CLOSE TO AN
ETERNITY,

AND I NEVER
ONCE DOUBTED
HIS JUDGMENT.



CAN YOU TELL
ME MORE ABOUT YOU
AND ASHBORN?

YES, MY KING.
THOUGH IT
MAY BE A VERY
LONG STORY.

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN
I WAS STILL A FRUIT
HANGING ON THE
WORLD TREE.

A FRUIT?
YOU WERE
A FRUIT?

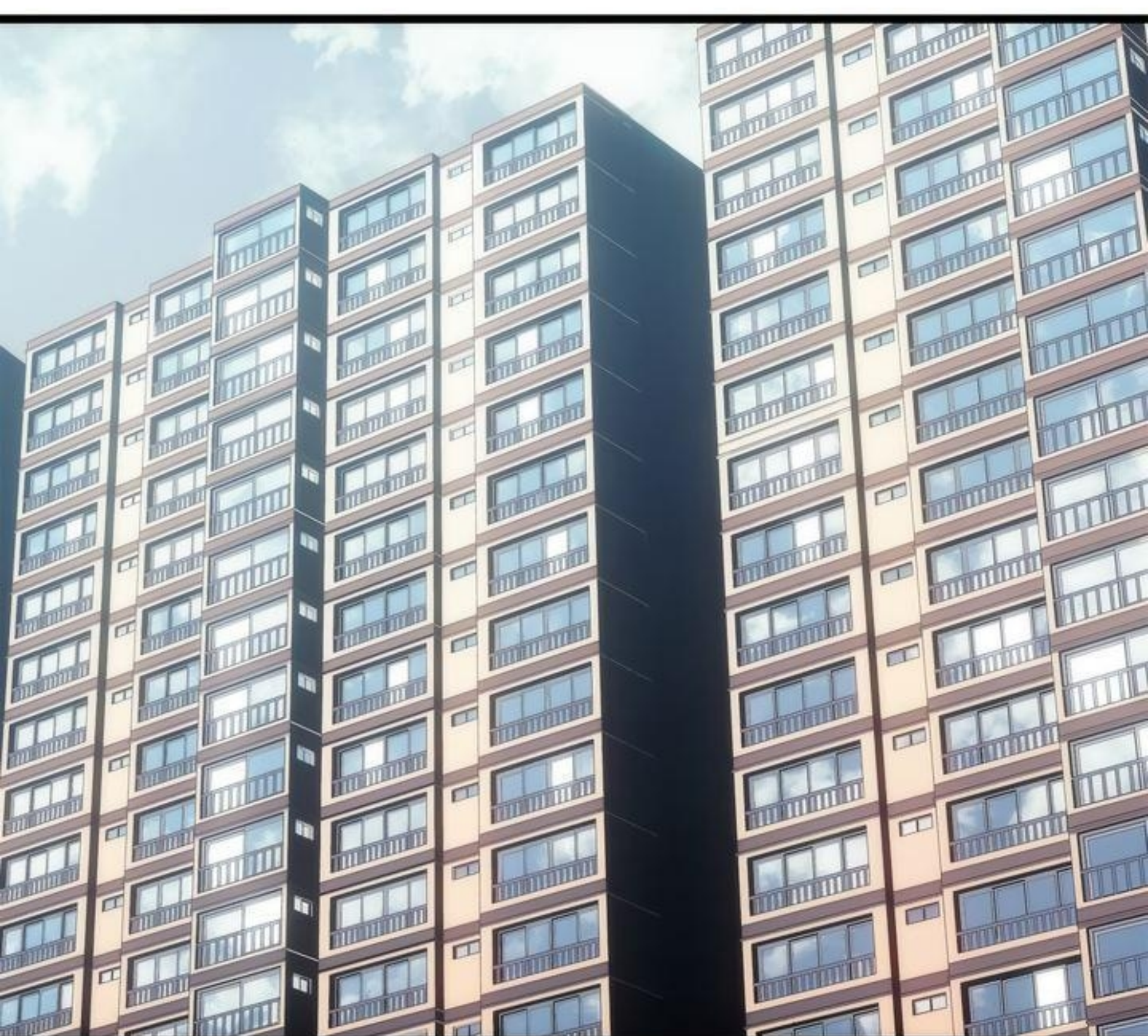
ALL HEAVENLY
SOLDIERS ARE BORN
AS FRUITS OF THE
WORLD TREE.

THE TREE IS
LARGE ENOUGH TO
COVER THE ENTIRE
SKY WITH ITS
BRANCHES.



I SEE...

THE EIGHT ARMIES
COULD ARRIVE AT
ANY MOMENT. I HAVE
TO WARN EVERYONE...



...THAT
THE REAL WAR
IS COMING.

BUT I CAN'T PROMISE
THAT EVERYONE WILL
BE SAFE.

TA-DA!

NOR CAN I PROMISE
THAT THE WORLD WILL
REMAIN UNCHANGED.

SEEING THE DRAGON
KING'S STRENGTH THROUGH
ASHBORN'S MEMORIES HAS
MADE ME SURE OF THAT.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK, MOM?
IT'S TASTY,
RIGHT?

SLURP

I HAD NO IDEA
JINWOO COULD COOK
THIS WELL, EITHER.

THE DRAGON KING
AND HIS ARMY OF
DESTRUCTION...

...TURNED
EVERYTHING BEFORE
THEM INTO ASHES.

AND THEIR
NEXT TARGET IS
EARTH.



THAT'S WHY EVERYONE
NEEDS TO PREPARE
THEMSELVES FOR WHAT'S
TO COME... NOT JUST ME.

JINWOO...
IS SOMETHING
GOING ON?



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

YOUR FATHER
ALWAYS USED TO
COOK LIKE THIS BEFORE
GOING ON DANGEROUS
MISSIONS.

THEY SAY
THE APPLE DOESN'T
FALL FAR FROM THE
TREE, BUT...

CLACK

IT'S NOT LIKE
THAT, MOM.

HOLD ON.
I THINK WE HAVE
A VISITOR.

HUH? BUT
I DIDN'T HEAR
THE DOORBELL
RING.

MAY I
HELP YOU, SIR?

MR. SUNG.
I APOLOGIZE FOR
THE SUDDEN VISIT...

COULD YOU
SPARE ME A MOMENT
OF YOUR TIME?



AT FIRST, I THOUGHT
I WOKE UP FROM MY
ETERNAL SLUMBER
BECAUSE I WAS
SPECIAL.



BUT AFTER SOME
THINKING, I REALIZED
SUCH MIRACLES DON'T
HAPPEN SO EASILY.

SINCE YOUR MOTHER
AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
WHO HAVE WOKEN UP FROM
ETERNAL SLUMBER,

I COULDN'T
HELP BUT SUSPECT
THAT MY RECOVERY
WAS THANKS TO YOU.



SO, WHY DID
YOU HELP ME?



BECAUSE
YOU SEEMED
TRUSTWORTHY.





IF YOU WERE
SOMEONE WHO'D DO
ANYTHING TO GET
WHAT THEY WANT,

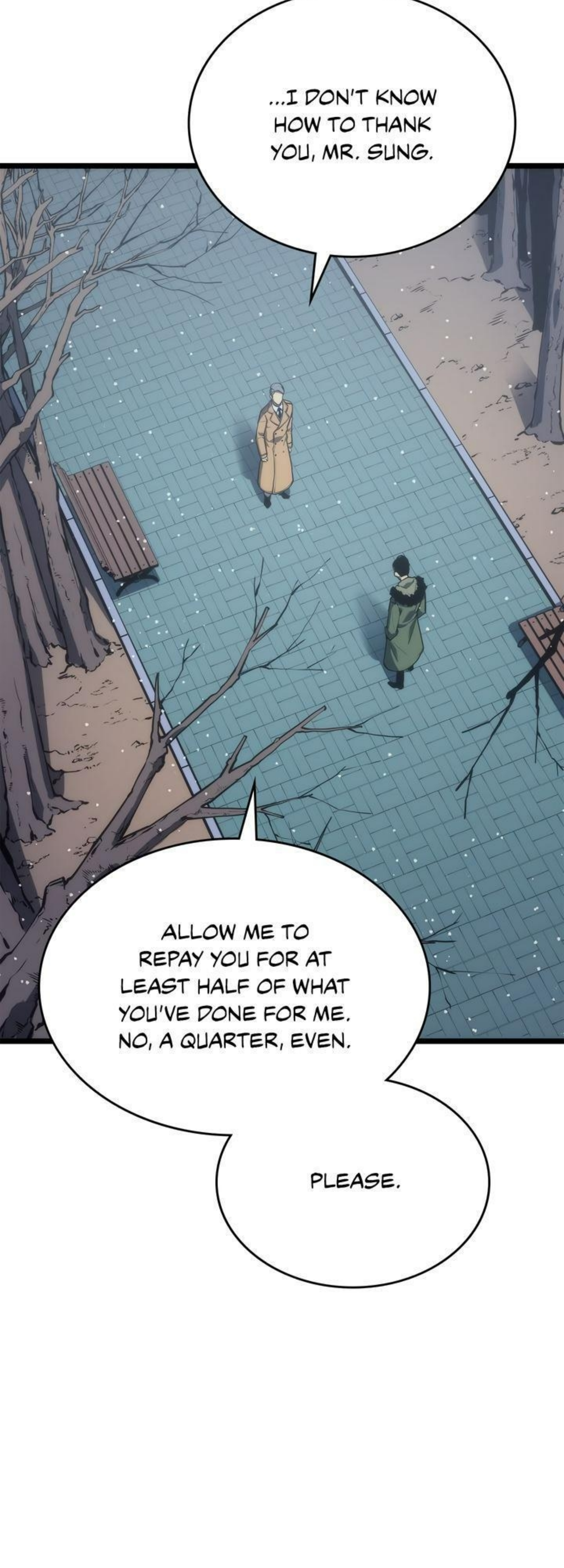


I WOULDN'T HAVE
TAKEN ON THE RISK
OF SAVING YOU.



SO YOU'RE SAYING...
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T
TRY TO USE JINHO?

YES.



...I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO THANK
YOU, MR. SUNG.

ALLOW ME TO
REPAY YOU FOR AT
LEAST HALF OF WHAT
YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.
NO, A QUARTER, EVEN.

PLEASE.

IS THERE
ANYTHING YOU
WANT, BY ANY
CHANCE?

NO, NOT
REALLY. BUT...

...IF SOMETHING
EVER HAPPENS
TO ME,

COULD YOU LOOK
AFTER MY MOTHER
AND SISTER?

...IS THAT REALLY
ALL YOU WANT?

YES. THAT
ALONE IS
ENOUGH.

IT'S ACTUALLY KIND
OF SALTY, ISN'T IT?

VERY WELL.
PLEASE LEAVE
IT TO ME.

YOU HAVE
MY WORD.



THIS COLOSSAL
GATE WAS FILMED
IN SHANGHAI.



IT IS ONE OF
EIGHT COLOSSAL
GATES THAT HAVE
APPEARED ACROSS
THE GLOBE...

...ALMOST
SIMULTANEOUSLY.

MR. SUNG,
COULD THESE
BE-

NO.

SO THEY'RE
NOT A PART OF
YOUR ARMY.

NO, THEY'RE
OUR ENEMIES.



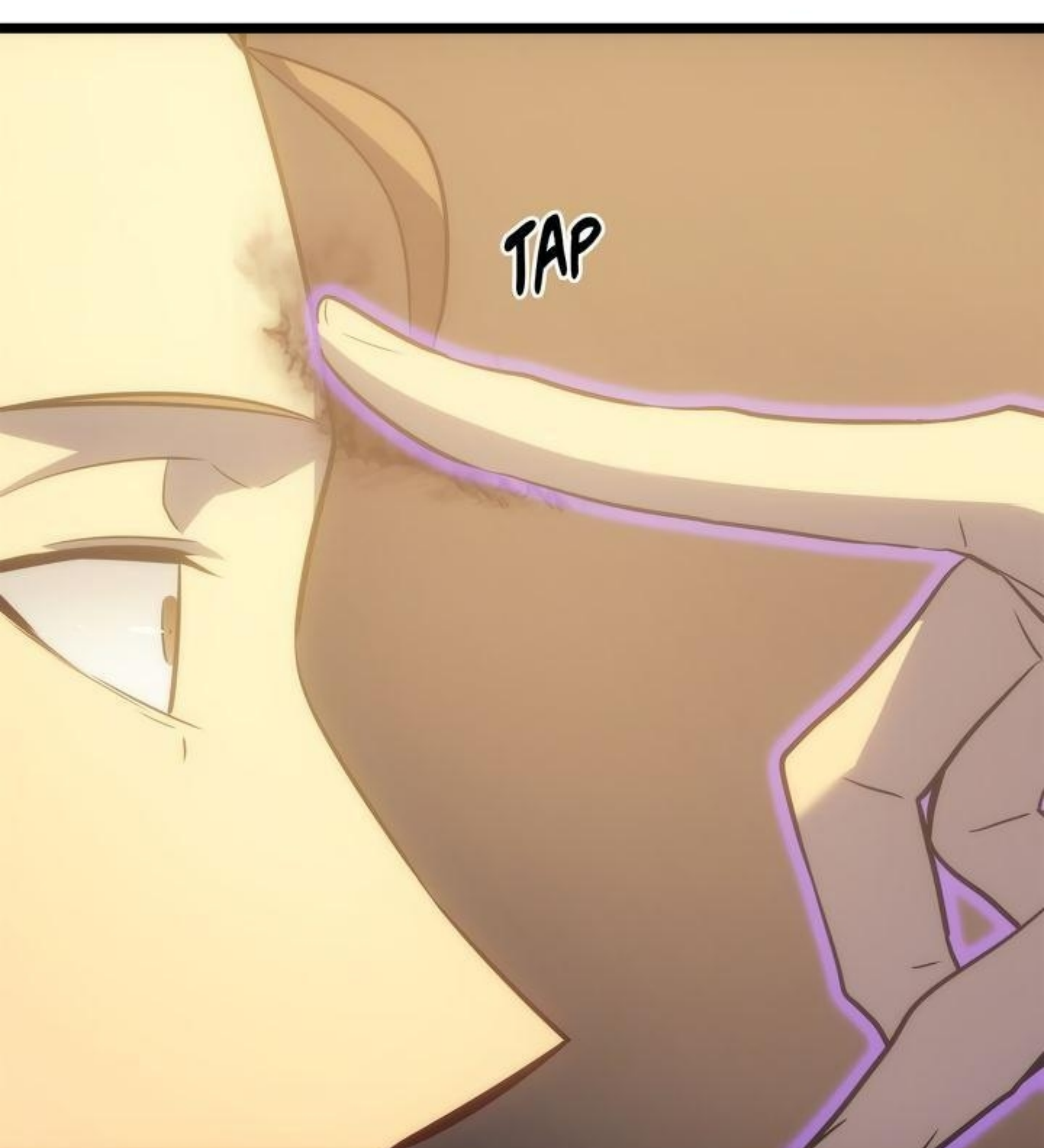
DO YOU
TRUST ME,
MR. WOO?

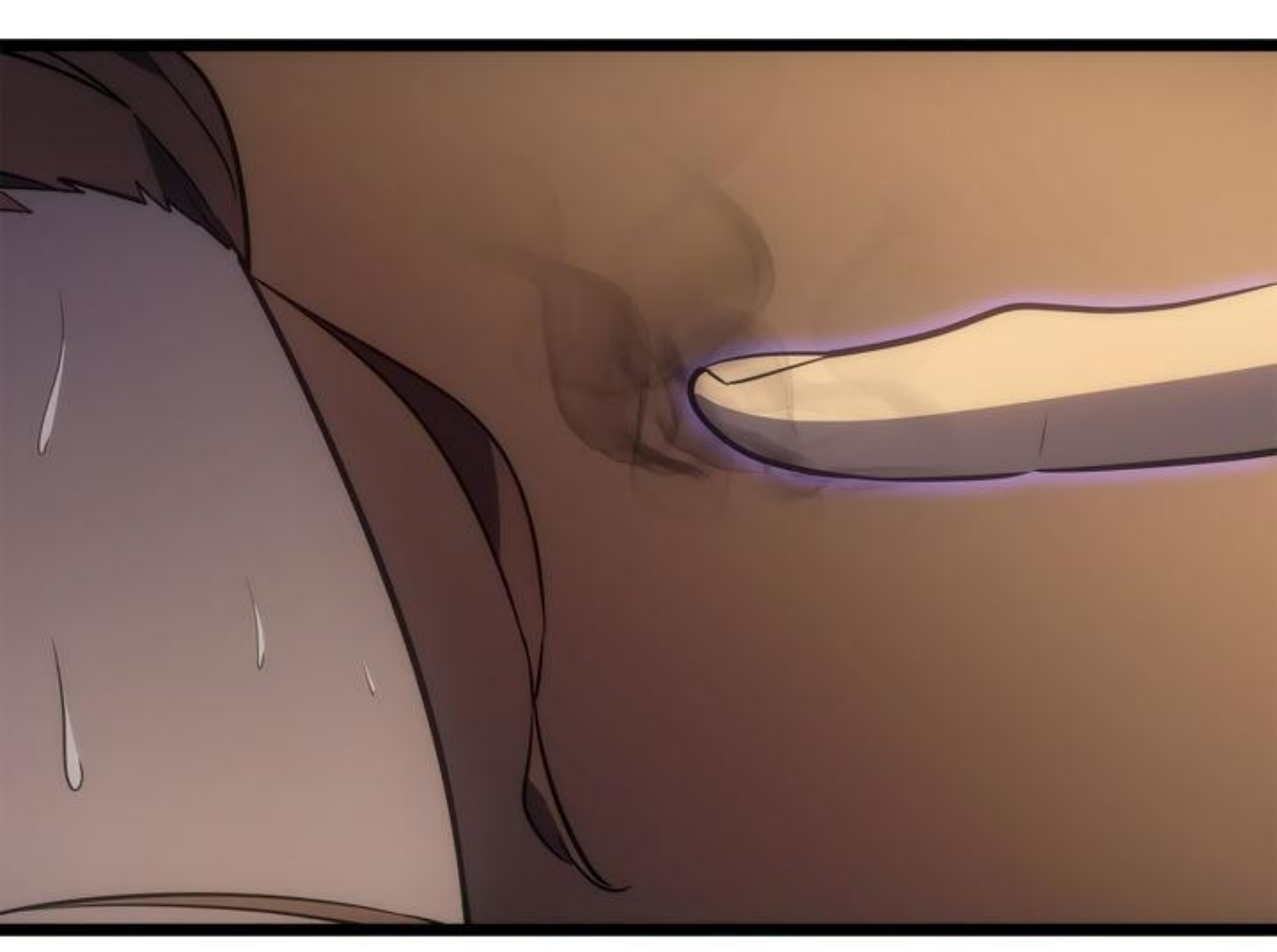


YES, I DO.



THEN I HOPE
YOU'LL BELIEVE
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO
SHOW YOU.





KEGH...!

DROP

IMPOSSIBLE...!

B, BUT
HOW...?!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT
THE GODS GAVE A FEW OF
US SPECIAL POWERS
IN ORDER TO SAVE
HUMANITY...

THAT'S WHY
I BELIEVED HUNTERS
HAD A DUTY TO FIGHT
AGAINST THE BEASTS
AND PROTECT PEOPLE.

BUT IF WHAT YOU
JUST SHOWED ME
IS REALLY TRUE,

THAT MEANS...

...THAT I
WAS SORELY
MISTAKEN.


TO THINK
THE HUNTERS...
NO, THE AWAKENED
BEINGS, WILL BE THE
ONLY SURVIVORS OF
THE REAL WAR...

SO THIS WAS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A PROCESS
MEANT TO TRAIN
THEM...

THIS ISN'T
A WAR BETWEEN THE
HUMANS AND THE
MONARCHS...

IT'S A SHOWDOWN
BETWEEN THE
MONARCHS AND
THE RULERS.

GOOD LORD...



DO YOU PLAN ON
FIGHTING AGAINST
THEM ALL BY YOURSELF,
MR. SLUNG?

YES.


IN THAT CASE,
HOW CAN WE...
NO...

HOW CAN
I HELP?



HAS ANYONE
ELSE CALLED
TO SAY THEY'RE
COMING?





NO, SIR.
THE 152 COUNTRIES
I MENTIONED THIS
MORNING ARE ALL
OF THEM.

WHAT DID
MR. SUNG SAY
AT YOUR OFFICE
YESTERDAY?



THAT WAS
MY FIRST TIME
SEEING YOU
SO PALE.

OH, FORGIVE
ME FOR PRYING...



NO, IT'S
ALL RIGHT.



I SAW THE ARMY OF
BERSERK DRAGONS
EMERGING FROM THE
DARKNESS,

AND THEIR
GARGANTUAN LEADER
FLYING BEHIND THEM.

HE POSSESSED AN AIR OF
GRANDEUR THAT SEEMED LIKE
IT COULDN'T BE DISPELLED,
EVEN IF ALL THE HUNTERS IN
THE WORLD BANDED TOGETHER
TO ATTACK HIM.

IT SEEMED LIKE HE
COULD BURN DOWN THE
ENTIRE PLANET...

...WITH A SINGLE
BREATH.

HOW EXACTLY
DOES MR. SUNG PLAN
ON FIGHTING AGAINST
SUCH A FORCE...?



HELLO,
MR. SUNG. THIS
IS WOO JINCHUL
SPEAKING.

I'VE GATHERED THE
REPRESENTATIVES FROM
EACH COUNTRY, JUST AS
YOU ASKED. WHEN WILL
YOU BE ARRIVING?

I'M HERE.



I SUPPOSE IT'D BE
MEANINGLESS FOR ME
TO ASK WHERE YOU ARE
FROM NOW ON.

ALL HELL WILL
BREAK LOOSE
WHEN PEOPLE FIND
OUT THE TRUTH.

IN FACT,
SOME COUNTRIES
WON'T BE ABLE
TO HANDLE THE
CHAOS.

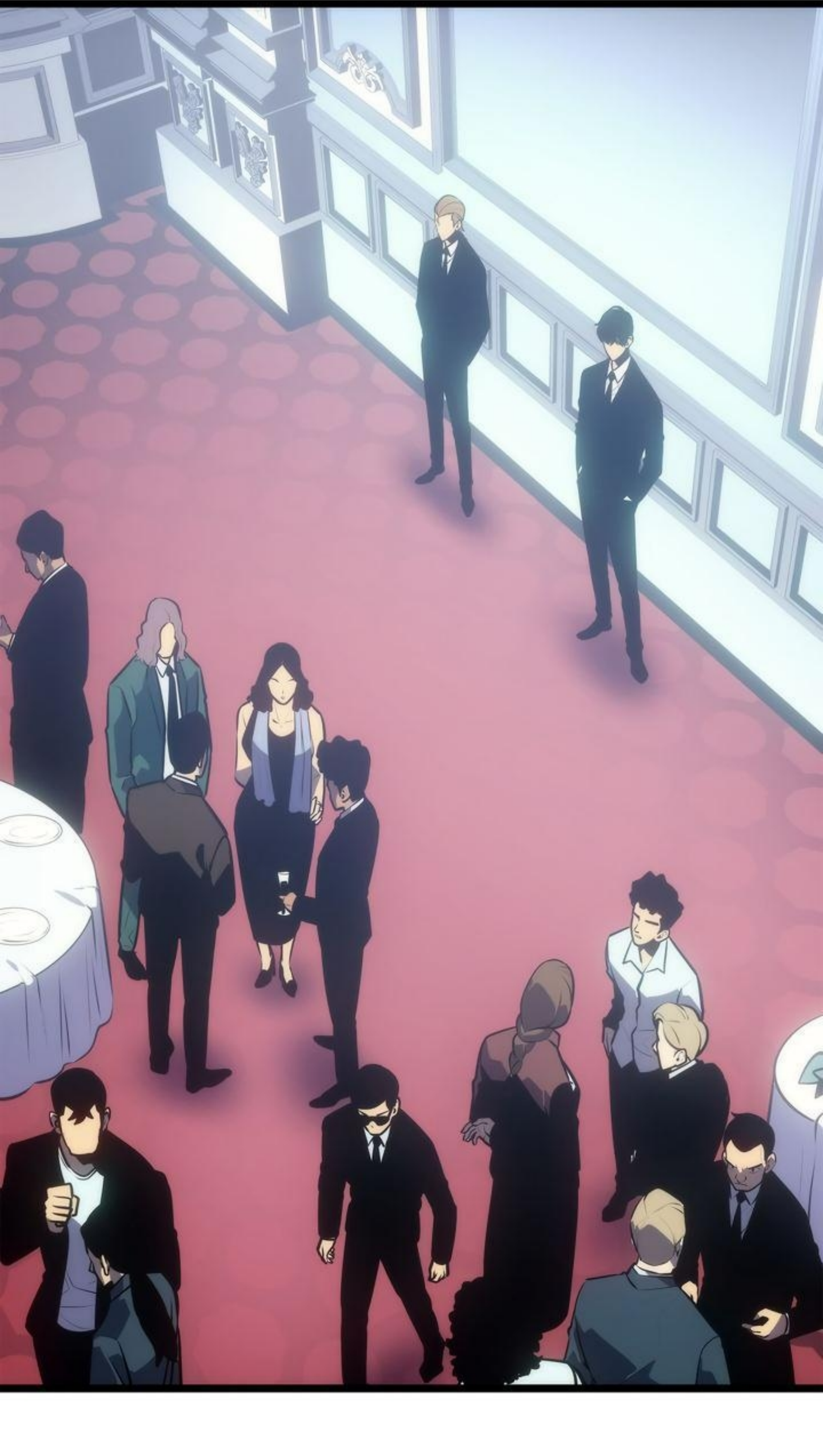
I'M AWARE
OF THAT.

TODAY...

BUT IF YOU
TRULY BELIEVE
THIS IS THE RIGHT
COURSE OF
ACTION...



...THE WORLD WILL
LEARN THE WHOLE
TRUTH.



To Be Continued...

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